

5. All the examples are specific to active ingredient. Claims 12-13 do not recite active ingredient.

6. Therefore, the results are not commensurate with the scope of particle diameter of the sugar alcohols.”

Responsive to items 1-3, Examples 2-4 and 5-7 do recite a particle size of 130 μm . Example 1 on page 28, lines 20-22 of the specification describes the use of D-mannitol obtained from Towa Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., product name Mannit S, having a mean particle diameter of 130 μm . Mannit S was used in Example 2, in combination with D-mannitol having a mean particle diameter of 45 μm . Please see line 25 on page 29 and line 1 on page 30 of the specification. The same combination was used in Example 3, referring to page 31, lines 1-2 of the specification. The same combination was used in Example 4, referring to page 32, lines 2-3 of the specification. Example 5 describes the use of Mannit S at page 32, lines 19-20 of the specification. Similarly, Example 6 describes the use of Mannit S on page 33, lines 12-13 of the specification. Example 7 describes the use of Mannit S on page 34, lines 5-6 of the specification.

Thus, it is apparent that Examples 2-4 do include a combination of D-mannitol having mean particle diameters of 45 and 130 μm . Similarly, Example 8 describes a combination of 80 μm and 130 μm . See page 34, lines 17-18 and page 35, lines 3-4. Also, it is apparent that Examples 5-7 use Mannit S having a particle size of 130 μm , based upon the teachings of Example 1.

Regarding item 4, it is respectfully submitted that a requirement that sugar alcohols be pulverized is unnecessary. The instant claims require that the mean particle diameter of the saccharide or sugar alcohol be in the range of 30 μm to 300 μm . Regarding item 5, the unexpected effect of the present invention is not dependent upon the use of any particular active ingredient. See pages 9-15 of the specification.

Lastly, regarding item 6, it is respectfully submitted that the results of the Declaration are commensurate with the scope of the particle diameter of the claimed saccharide or sugar alcohol. The examples described in the Declaration contain 15 examples of quickly disintegrating solid

preparations using a saccharide or sugar alcohol with a mean particle diameter of between 43 μm and 185 μm .

It is respectfully submitted that the showing of unexpected properties supports the claimed range of a mean particle diameter of 30 μm to 300 μm .

In view of the foregoing, the preparations of Examples 1 to 15 have been shown to have improved (a) fluidity during tableting, (b) binding property and (c) adhesion to punch as compared with the preparations of Comparative Examples 1 to 3. Thus, Table 1 clearly shows that an intraorally quickly disintegrating solid preparation have unexpectedly excellent properties using a saccharide or sugar alcohol with a mean particle diameter of 30 μm to 300 μm .

Favorable reconsideration and allowance is accordingly solicited.

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